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December 15, 2009

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
Director of Mental Health

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SUBJECT: **TERMINATION OF LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENT AND COMMUNITY CARE RESIDENTIAL FACILITY AGREEMENT WITH TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTERS FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY, INC.**

This memo is to advise your Board of the termination of the Legal Entity Agreement and Community Care Residential Facility (CCRF) Agreement with Transitional Living Centers For Los Angeles County, Inc., Agreement Numbers MH120554 and MH160120, respectively, effective December 15, 2009. These agreements have been terminated at the written request of the contractor, dated November 16, 2009, pursuant to Paragraph 2 of MH120554 and Paragraph 32 of MH160120.

Board approval for the Legal Entity Agreement was given June 9, 2009, Agenda Item No. 44. Board approval for the Community Care Residential Facility was given June 2, 2006, Agenda Item No. 51.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this termination, please contact me or your staff may contact Richard Kushi, Chief, Contracts Development and Administration Division, at (213) 738-4684.

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Attachments (2)

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Executive Officer
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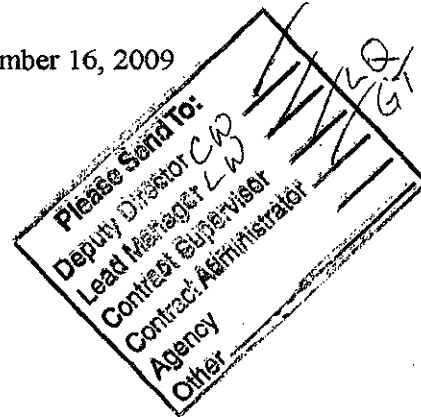
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TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTERS FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY, INC.
(A non-profit, tax-exempt, Short Doyle contract agency)
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Tel: (310) 542-4825

November 16, 2009

County of Los Angeles-Department of Mental Health
Contracts Development and Administration Division
550 South Vermont Ave., 5th Floor
Los Angeles, Ca. 90020

Attention: Chief of Contracts



Re: Contract No. MH120554
Contract No. MH160120
Extension of Contract Termination Date

Gentlemen:

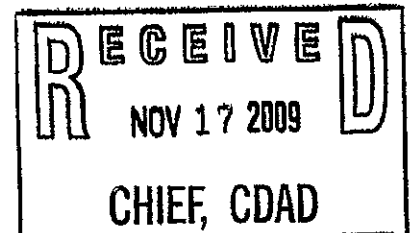
This is a follow-up to our letter of October 15, 2009 in which we exercised our right to terminate the above referenced contracts pursuant to Paragraph 2 of MH120554 and Paragraph 32 of MH160120 by giving at least 30 calendar days prior written notice.

We had previously requested that these contracts be closed out as of November 30, 2009. However, we underestimated our ability to place all clients and finalize all matters by that date. We are now requesting that the contract termination dates be extended to December 15, 2009 to allow us sufficient time to place all remaining clients, to close out client charts and prepare them for storage, and to remove remaining items from the facilities.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Parker, J.D., Ph.D.
President and CEO

cc: Bruce Gross, J.D., Ph.D., Chairman, Board of Directors
Marvin Southard, D.S.W



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October 15, 2009

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Attention: Chief of Contracts

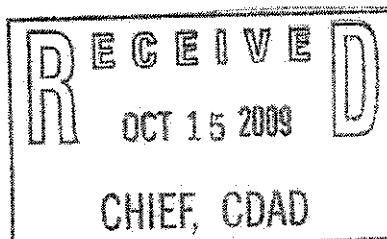
Re: Contract No. MH120554
Contract No. MH160120
Notice of Contract Termination

Gentlemen:

We hereby exercise our right to terminate the above referenced contracts pursuant to Paragraph 2 of MH120554 and Paragraph 32 of MH160120 by giving at least 30 calendar days prior written notice. Please close out these contracts as of November 30, 2009.

Although no reason is necessary for these terminations, we are taking this action because, among other things, DMH has cut the bulk of our funding which is in Mode 05 inpatient/residential services, retroactive to July 1, 2009 by an untenable and unsustainable 41% in violation of their own published curtailment protocol which specifically exempted these services. We hereby reserve all of our rights on this and related issues.

As a result of this cut, 8 precious Medi-Cal transitional treatment beds at the core of our program, with funding provided mostly by federal matching dollars so that the actual cost to the County is \$58 per bed, per day, have been eliminated to the chagrin of both the State and ourselves. These beds were critical in successfully transitioning 8 of our clients each to their own brand new one bedroom apartment in a congregate living setting last fiscal year. These apartments were all fully furnished, rent subsidized so that rents do not exceed one-third of income, with mental health supportive services available onsite and in the adjacent community. This is what transitioning to independent living is all about. Without the benefit of our transitional treatment environment, none of this would have been possible.



We take pride in knowing that for over 30 years we have operated what professionals and families alike consider to be the finest residential treatment program for adults with severe mental illness in Los Angeles County—a program with rehospitalization rates of less than 5% and superior client outcomes that truly ended for many the revolving door syndrome that is so common throughout other parts of the mental health system—a program that has served as a beacon of hope to thousands of families and clients. This will be our legacy.

We on our part will pursue other avenues to serve and advocate on behalf of the needs of the mentally ill.

Sincerely,



Kenneth A. Parker, J.D., Ph.D.
President and CEO

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Marvin Southard, D.S.W